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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE 10-54: Soviet Bloc Capabilities for Economic Warfare

BACKGROUND

1. NIE 10-54\* was initiated in response to a request from the Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff. (DDI-11-53, 25 June 1953)

2. On the recommendation of O/NE and by agreement with the IAC representatives, NIE 10-54 has been formulated as a general analysis of the subject, forgoing detailed analysis of Bloc economic warfare capabilities with respect to individual countries and individual commodities. O/NE proposes to recommend that future estimates on individual countries should cover, wherever pertinent, the subject of Soviet Bloc economic warfare in relation to those countries.

SUBSTANCE

3. There are no major unresolved issues or reservations.

4. ODI may make a few recommendations for minor changes of wording.

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\* A Revisenda sheet has been circulated, which lists certain errors in the 13 February text along with corrections, and also lists several changes recommended by O/NE.

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